

Montgomery, Ala. – At its June meeting in Montgomery, the Alabama State Council on the Arts (ASCA) awarded fifteen fellowship grants totaling \$75,000, and six Art and Cultural Facilities grants totaling \$318,000, for a grand total of \$393,000. Fellowship grants are awarded to individual artists and one arts administrator and are based on merit of work, career achievement, career potential and service to the state. Art and Cultural Facilities grants are awarded for planning, design or construction of an arts space. All projects must involve top professionals with demonstrated expertise in urban and/or community planning, architecture, landscape design or historic preservation. This round of grants will support artistic endeavors October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010.

Fellowships are the most prestigious of grants awarded to individuals by ASCA. Fellowships are given to individuals working in arts administration, crafts, dance, design, media/photography, music, literature, theatre, and visual arts. These awards recognize artistic excellence as well as professional commitment and maturity. Recipients may use funds to set aside time to create art, improve their skills, or to do what is most advantageous to enhance their artistic careers.

These grants are in response to applications submitted under a March 1, 2009 deadline and are awarded for the 2010 fiscal year. Ralph Frohsin of Alexander City chairs the 15-member Council. The next deadline for the submission of Fellowship and Arts and Cultural Facilities applications is March 1, 2010.

Grant Recipient	Grant	City	County	Description
City of Fort Payne	\$90,000.00	Fort Payne	DeKalb	Fort Payne Culture & Heritage Cntr Construction
AL Gospel Music Cultural Center	\$45,000.00	Birmingham	Jefferson	Gospel Center Facilities Design
Jason Anderson	\$5,000.00	Birmingham		Fellowship in Craft
Birmingham International Center	\$45,000.00	Birmingham		Birmingham International Center Construction
Melissa A. Jones	\$5,000.00	Birmingham		Fellowship in Arts Administration
Main Street Birmingham	\$3,000.00	Birmingham		Woodlawn Studios/Community Facilities Design
Spencer C Shoults	\$5,000.00	Birmingham		Fellowship in Visual Arts
Melissa Springer	\$5,000.00	Birmingham		Fellowship in Media/Photography
Jurgen Tarrasch	\$5,000.00	Birmingham		Fellowship in Visual Arts
City of Moulton	\$45,000.00	Moulton	Lawrence	Design & Construction Documents
Kelly V. Bryant	\$5,000.00	Auburn	Lee	Fellowship in Design
Hollie Lavenstein	\$5,000.00	Auburn		Fellowship in Media/Photography
Dr. Virginia Gilbert	\$5,000.00	Madison	Madison	Fellowship in Literature
Elie Lazar	\$5,000.00	Montgomery	Montgomery	Fellowship in Dance
Ronald McCall	\$5,000.00	Montgomery		Fellowship in Theatre
Gary Moore	\$5,000.00	Montgomery		Fellowship in Dance
Mary Kaiser	\$5,000.00	Birmingham	Shelby	Fellowship in Literature
Shelby County Arts Council	\$90,000.00	Columbiana		Design & Construction of Community Arts Center
Joseph Wujcik	\$5,000.00	Calera		Fellowship in Craft
Reginald Yarbrough	\$5,000.00	Alabaster		Fellowship in Music
Jackie Wayne White	\$5,000.00	Livingston	Sumter	Fellowship in Music
TOTAL	\$393,000.00			

The Cultural Facilities funding program is in its third year of providing support to organizations large and small in an effort to enhance spaces for arts creation and presentation. The quality, amount and accessibility of programming is directly related to adequate space or spaces. In all cases where a grant is requested, evidence of community support is a key element.

This granting program at ASCA will support community efforts throughout the state to construct, renovate and/or adapt buildings for cultural purposes. Cultural facility needs include museums, art centers and a wide range of performing arts halls. These new spaces will be for the betterment of communities across Alabama in the accommodation of their art forms and audiences.